



BILK MAGAZIN

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WATERMONSTER

SIGHTINGS / BY U. MAGIN



This is BILK magazine number one. It's intended to last a bit longer than one issue. Each number will contain reports about BILKs (Behemoth/freshwater monster; Isis/mermaid; Leviathan/seaserpent and Kraken/giant cephalopods), accounts of known waterlife that sometimes is mistaken for monsters (sharks, whales, porfish etc.) and lastly reports about marine fort-ans such as ghostships, unidentified submarines, strange wakes etc. This is number one / March 1985 / edited by Ulrich Magin. BILK will appear bi-monthly.

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BEHEMOTH:

- On Hune 6th 1984 Linda Griffiths, her husband and three children saw a monster in Shiswap Lake in British Columbia /Canada. 'I could see seven dark greyish bumps out of the water. It looked like a snake but it moved in a strait line. It was about 20 to 25 ft long and was moving quite fast', she told reporters. Heidi Candito saw the monster in 1981, together with a dozen other people. (Vancouver 'Province', British Columbia, June 3 1984; credit: Mr. X)
- In June, 8 people saw a large dark moving Object in Loch Sheldrake, New York, USA. It created a wake 45 m long and 90 cm high. A local man, Isaac Pegekow said he had seen the creature before: 'I personally think it's a giant beaver or otter.' (London Free Press, Ontario, Canada, August 4, 1984) (Credit: Mr. X)
- On July 28th 1984 was seen by about 70 people aboard the excursion boat 'Spirit of Ethan Allen' a seaserpent in Lake Champlain, New York. The object had three to five fins on top and swam parallel to the boat. It was said to be 10 m long, and several pictures were taken of the greenish-brown object. (Vancouver Sun, British Columbia, July 30, 1984; credit: Mr. X)
- A sea monster which was said to live in Stafford Lake, California, was discovered in August when the lake was being drained to build a dam: it was a 6 foot white sturgeon weighting 125 pounds. (Toronto Star, Canada, August 24, 1984; credit: Mr. X)
- A monster was seen in August 1983, and again in June 1984 in Saddle Lake in Alberta, Canada. Elmer Jackson, who saw the monster in 1981, said the monster had a single horn on its forehead with a body about three feet wide and 200 ft long. The Alberta government decided to fly a helicopter over the small lake to find out the truth in October. (Kingston Whig-Standard, Canada, September 1, 1984; credit: Mr. X.)
- Two Icelandic hunters saw two monsters in Lake Kleifarvath in November. The animals first appeared like two rocks in the water, then moved, and came ashore. After that the re-ente ed the water leavin horse-like footprints on the shore. The creatures resembled horses and swam like seals, but appeared more like dogs when on land. (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Frankfurt, M., West Germany; November 14, 1984)
- In January 1985 a monster was seen in Rio Paraguay near Pilar. The witnesses, Eusebia Aza Guerra and Gabriel Fossatti said the animal was 5 m long, with a round head, big eyes, great mouth, a round body and a forked tail. (France-Presse, January 1985; credit: J.-J. Barloy)

ISIS:

- There are at the moment no recent reports, so I quote one place: In 1817, when everyone in America talked about the Gloucester seaser-

pent, Captain Asa Swift of the 'Leonidas' encountered a very different animal while crossing the Atlantic Ocean from New York to Le Havre: '...at 2 pm...saw a strange fish...all white...from the breast upwards a near resemblance to a human being.' The face was white and resembled a human face, it stood 60 cm out of the water and remained near the ship for six hours. The total length from head to tail was 1.5 m. The whole description reminds of more than 100 detailed observations of mermaids. (M. Baker: The folklore of the sea, David & Charles, London 1979, p.140)

LEVIATHAN:

- I have no single seaserpent observation from 1984 or 85, so there's nothing to report, just a short note from Mr Barloy: in summer 1984 Mrs A. Carion found a strange bone at the shore of Moustierlin, Finistère, France. Mr Barloy is investigating the case. (credit: J.J.Barloy)

KRAKEN:

- At Kribati, once called Gilbert Islands, west of New Guinea, two local divers were killed by a giant octopus, according to the Wellington, New Zealand, newspaper 'New Zealand Herald'. The newspaper said the octopus was 4 m long, that would make a diameter of 8 or more meters, which is more than one expects from this part of the world. There are several reports of giant octopi from Macassar Strait and Sumbawa in Indonesia, but there are no sightings in between these two areas. (Die Welt, September 11, 1984 and Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung, same date.)

MARINE LIFE:

- In November and December 1984 the unusual high number of 4 big whales were seen in the German Bay. Within one month, three whales stranded at different locations there, and one more was seen swimming around. There are frequent visitations of the German coast by belugas, but this time all four whales were of a different species, and none of them was a beluga. One was a sperm-whale, one a 'dwarf-whale', and one a finwhale. The identity of the swimming whale was not established. Big whales are very seldom seen in this part of the North Sea, and it is a mystery why four different kinds of rather big whales found their way into the area in one month. (Numerous clippings from German press, November and December 1984)

MARINE MYSTERIES:

- A ghostship was seen by an English sailer near New Guinea. He met Rollo Gebhard, a German who sailed round the world, and told him his story. It was in the southeast of New Guinea near the Woodlark and D'Entrecasteaux Islands near Ferguson. The sailer observed an old freighter sailing directly over the dangerous coral reefs. The ship vanished, and natives told him it was the 'Mary' which had sunk on the reefs many years ago. (Rollo Gebhard: Ein Mann und sein Bootsm Holden, Vienna, not dated (ca 1930), p.195)

- A strange kind of wheel-like marine phosphorescence was seen in the China Sea by the 'Siam' on April 29, 1982. Detailed report in Fortran Times, Issue 42, Autumn 1984, p.32

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This is all for today, I hope you like it. My address is: Ulrich Magin, Stuhlbrudernhofstr. 4, 6704 Mutterstadt, WEST GERMANY.